

president of the Pitt County and NC Farm Bureau, a member of the American Legion and a member of the Rotary Club. He was active all his life in the First Christian Church of Farmville where he served as deacon and elder for over 50 years. Over the years he received many awards and accolades for his efforts.

Arch was a progressive farmer for his day and bought one of the earliest cultivation tractors in the township. It was a two-row John Deere model "A". He did many innovative things to make the most of the tractor including tying two tobacco planters together to be able to plant truly parallel rows of tobacco making it possible to then plow them with the tractor. He had part interest in a freezer locker about 1946, which he successfully managed for several years. He worked at several off-season jobs to supplement farm income including work on the tobacco market and at Turnage Farm Supply. His was a conservative businessman and was successful even though having to weather some lean years. He sent all four of his children to college, which was a point of pride for him. It may very well be that they all worked hard to complete their education because they realized how much he wanted to send them.

Arch's reputation in the community was enhanced because of the confidence people had in his judgement and his commitment to community affairs. He was faithful to his family, which certainly appreciated him. He had a complex personality born of a strong will and strong opinions. He was a great storyteller and was fascinating to listen to. He could tell a long involved story with several side issues and yet never fail to finish the main plot. He worked hard and dearly loved growing things. A special interest was cooking for special events like barbecues, fish stews and old timey dishes.